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Cal Poly Arts Brings Traditional Irish Music to Clark Center in Arroyo Grande Nov. 5

SAN LUIS OBISPO, CALIFORNIA - Classical and folk music, film, theatre, rock, and poetry merge within the creative musicianship of the Dublin group, Kíla, performing at the Clark Center at 8 p.m. on Tuesday, November 5..

Working in conjunction with the Clark Center, Cal Poly Arts presents the band as part of their 2002/03 season. Kíla features musicians/vocalists Ronan Ó Snodaigh, Rossa Ó Snodaigh, Colm Ó Snodaigh, Lance Hogan, Brian Hogan, and Eoin Dillon.

Kíla fuses the effects of Gaelic lyrics and Irish folk instruments -- whistles, fiddles, pipes, and woodwinds -- with instruments ranging from the djembe and congas to the mandolin, guitar and flute. The result is a fresh blend of freewheeling instrumentals, furious jigs, and primal rhythms.

The Irish Herald wrote, "If you've been lying awake at night worrying about the future of Irish traditional music, come and sit by the fire and listen to Kíla. The music is in good hands."

The Washington Post called Kíla's sound "the most impressive example of Celtic fusion music yet."

Kíla's unique sound garnered the group one of Ireland's most prestigious music honors, the Meteor Music Award for "Best Irish Traditional Act." In a memorable evening which included U2, The Cranberries, and Enrique Iglesias, Kíla was featured at the awards ceremony broadcast with fellow nominees The Chieftains, Altan, and Sharon Shannon.

Kíla recently completed a highly successful tour of the Eastern United States and their sixth album is due for release in Spring, 2003.

Tickets for the performance are \$24 & \$28, with student discounts available, and may be purchased at the Performing Arts Ticket Office, 10

a.m. to 6 p.m. weekdays and 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturdays. To order by phone, call 805/756-2787; to order by fax: 805/756-6088.

This performance is sponsored by Peach Tree Inn.

Co-presented by KCBX FM 90.1.

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